

possibly under the cover (and protection) of the Tet ceasefire. If and when this happens and if he does get to Paris, he will stay initially with a friend, a Mr. Duong Tan Chung, 7 Rue de Recoq, Paris Xe, telephone: 2851926.

As you are aware, Chau has gone through his cash assets since his election to the Assembly in 1967, spending all of his funds on principally political matters and probably a good share of them on his political crony and bed-mate, Madame Thu, the An Quang lady Deputy from Hue. In any case, he is flat broke. Additionally, he is, at the moment, over \$3,000 in debt to me and there is a limit as to how much I can personally help him financially.

What I would like for you to do now is to attempt to line up some financial support to sustain Chau while he is in Paris and possibly (through some of his many friends who hold important positions in the US Government) arrange for him to get a visa to come to the US. Incidentally, although he has his Vietnamese passport, the passport expired on the 3rd of September 1969, so it's going to be a dilly of an effort required to get him legal entry anywhere. It's always possible, of course, that Cambodia or the other country he goes to for political asylum will not grant it and will return him to the Government of Vietnam. Alternatively, they may grant him political asylum, but forbid his departure to go to France or elsewhere.

While in hiding, Chau is writing extensively and I dare say may offer me a copy of his writings. Additionally, he is making comments on the several papers that you have put together or that friends of yours have written. I will attempt to get these comments to you soonest.

It seems to me that there would be any number of groups interested in employing Chau even at a foreign location so as to interview him or sponsor his writings and observations on the political scene in Vietnam, possibly not. In any case, you are better qualified than I (and certainly in a helluva lot better position than I) to explore this possibility. I would greatly appreciate your doing this as soon as possible.

When you write to me, address the letter to Frenchy Zois, at the same address as mine, in that I have good reason to believe that both my phone calls and my mail are being examined.

I have to return to the US for the Fulbright hearings beginning February 15th and will probably be in Washington a period of three or four days. Time is so short that I doubt I can stop by Los Angeles. Possibly you can schedule yourself to be on the east coast while I am there. It's possible that I will come back through Paris and, therefore, would not even be returning to the west coast.